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AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 13, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring on February 13, 2004, please consider the following amendments and arguments as a complete and full response.

A request for a two-month extension of time and appropriate fee are enclosed. If necessary, please charge any deficit, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1960. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10.